



## ***Downtown Mesa events kickoff fall season***

Downtown Mesa comes to life this weekend with events for the whole family to enjoy. Now that summer is over, it is time to celebrate the cooler weather by coming downtown to see all that is happening.

Local business and community groups like the Downtown Mesa Merchants and the Downtown Mesa Association are gearing up for an active season of events downtown.

“Downtown events in Mesa are a blast,” Mayor Scott Smith said. “I am extremely thankful to the groups that plan these events and keep our downtown vibrant.”

This weekend check out the Mesa Community Farmers’ Market, a year-round farmers’ market held each Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at 260 N. Center Street. Parking is free and products range from fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, salsa, crafts and other hand crafted items.

This Friday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the Downtown Mesa Merchants and the Downtown Mesa Association are hosting Downtown Mesa’s first Oktoberfest celebration on Main Street. There will be contests, events and live entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Restaurants, galleries and shops will stay open late with ample free parking and public restrooms available.

The Oktoberfest celebration is part of Mesa’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday held by the Downtown Mesa Association. Each month, many downtown businesses stay open late for 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday to offer great shopping and dining, and a number of them host special activities and entertainment including live music. Vendors selling arts and crafts also line the sidewalks of Main Street.

And on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. check out MACFest the Mesa Arts Center’s free weekly arts festival that runs from Oct. 3 through April 24 on Main Street. MACFest features creations from local artists, food and live music. It is an easy and affordable way for the many wonderful artists in Mesa, the valley and Arizona to display and sell their work.

For more information about these events and more go to <http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com>, <http://www.downtownmesa.com> and <http://www.mesaartscenter.com>.